



# *Jasper County, South Carolina*

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## **Jasper County, Finance Office earn major international honors for annual comprehensive financial report**

Jasper County's annual comprehensive finance report for Fiscal Year 2020-21 earned the highest award from the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada, the county learned this week.

The report has been judged by an impartial panel to meet the high standards of the program, which includes demonstrating a constructive "spirit of full disclosure" to clearly communicate its financial story and motivate potential users and user groups to read the report, the association said.

"We certainly are proud of Ms. Kimberly Burgess, our director of administrative services and finance, and her team who put together this report," said Jasper County Administrator Andrew Fulghum. "It is exhausting work, it requires an exceptional eye for detail, and yet it all has to be clear and understandable to people who aren't accountants. That is quite an accomplishment."

Jasper County has earned the honor annually since at least 2008 and in 2022-23, has an annual operating budget of more than \$44 million.

"It's a point of pride for us to keep our standards high and to meet and exceed expectations," Burgess said. "We want to thank the Jasper County Council for its continued strong support for our budget work and financial reporting as the county and its needs continue to grow."

The Certificate of Achievement is the highest form of recognition in governmental accounting and financial reporting, and its attainment represents a significant accomplishment by a government and its management.

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